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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
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THE NEW YORK TIMES

PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK OF CAMBODIA WILL GO TO NEW YORK THIS YEAR TO DELIVER A SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE PRINCE'S OFFICE IN PEKING ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. HE WILL DELIVER HIS SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN HIS ROLE AS CAMBODIAN HEAD OF STATE AND WILL THEN "LEAVE UNITED STATES TERRITORY ALMOST IMMEDIATELY," THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID. FOR THAT REASON, IT SAID, PRINCE SIHANOUK "WILL NOT GIVE ANY PRESS, RADIO OR TELEVISION INTERVIEWS, AND REFUSES IN ADVANCE ANY INVITATION THAT MIGHT BE ADDRESSED TO HIM. (P. 19)

ON THE OP-ED PAGE, HENRY GINIGER DISCUSSES THE ROLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN PRESENT-DAY PORTUGUESE POLITICS AND CONCLUDES THAT IT HAS ASSUMED A FORMIDABLE ROLE. MOST OF THE CHURCH HIERARCHY NOW FEELS THAT ONCE AGAIN THE CHURCH IS THREATENED, YET THERE WERE GOOD REASONS FOR RESENTMENT AGAINST THE CHURCH. ITS BISHOPS HAD ACCOMMODATED THEMSELVES EXTREMELY WELL TO THE DICTATORSHIP OF ANTONIO DE OLIVEIRA SALAZAR, ALL THE MORE SO BECAUSE PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD GONE THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD FOLLOWING THE OVERTHROW OF THE MONARCHY IN 1910. THE COUP LAST YEAR FOUND THE CHURCH EMBARRASSED BY EVENTS IT HAD DONE NOTHING TO PROMOTE AND IT WAS SUBJECTED TO RECRIMINATIONS AMONG ITS OWN MEMBERS FOR ITS BACKWARDNESS. ALREADY CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASING COMMUNIST POWER, THE CHURCH WAS THROWN

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INTO MILITANT OPPOSITION BY THE LOSS OF ITS MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS OUTLET, THE RADIO RENASCENCA STATION IN LISBON.

PREMIER GONCALVES IS NOW PAYING FOR THAT ERROR. IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT THE WAVE OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS STRUCK THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND WEAKENED THE PREMIER HAS COME IN THE NORTH, PRECISELY WHERE THE CHURCH IS STRONGEST.

THE COUNTRY SEEMS TO BE HEADED TOWARD SOME FORM OF SOCIALISM AND THE LIBERAL WING OF THE CHURCH FEELS THE NEED FOR A DOCTRINE THAT GOES BEYOND ANTI-COMMUNISM. THIS IS SAID TO BE THE FEELING OF THE PATRIARCH OF LISBON, ANTONIO CARDINAL RIBEIRO.

IN AN ARTICLE ON THE OP-ED PAGE CHRISTINE LORD ARGUES THAT TRADITIONS ARE CHANGING IN ITALIAN POLITICS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS AMINTORE FANFANI IS NO LONGER AT THE HEAD OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND THE PARTY ITSELF IS BARELY HOLDING ON TO ITS POSITION AS ITALY'S DOMINANT POLITICAL FORCE. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND ITALY WITHOUT FANFANI HAVE NOT CHANGED PERCEPTIBLY, BUT SO PERVASIVE WAS HIS INFLUENCE THAT HIS DEPARTURE MAY WELL INDICATE IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR ITALIAN POLITICAL LIFE.

THOUGH HIS PARTY OPPONENTS UNITED TO FORCIBLY RETIRE HIM, THEY HAD NO EASY TIME FINDING A SUCCESSOR. THIS LACK OF UNITY IS LIKELY TO AFFECT THEIR ACTIONS IN THE FUTURE.

IT IS LIKELY THAT A "PERMANENT" CHOICE OF LEADER WILL BE MADE AT THE FALL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. BUT NOBODY ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTY FACTIONS HAS COME FORWARD.

SOME POLITICAL OBSERVERS SUGGEST THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WILL SOON BE FORCED TO CLARIFY, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THEIR POLITICAL COURSE. THEY CAN MAINTAIN AN UNEQUIVOCALLY ANTI-COMMUNIST LINE DESPITE ITALY'S TURN TO THE LEFT, MAKING CERTAIN OF THE SUPPORT OF THE CONSERVATIVE WING OF THE PARTY -- AND PRESUMABLY BECOMING THE OPPOSITION IN THE PROCESS. THEY CAN ADOPT A POLICY OF ACCOMMODATION TO THE COMMUNISTS, CARRYING OUT REFORMS THAT WILL INEVITABLY CLASH WITH THE INTERESTS OF SOME CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC SUPPORTERS, THEREBY SACRIFICING THAT PORTION OF THE PARTY'S VOTE.

HOWEVER, THE FIRST REAL INDICATION OF ITALY'S NEW SITUATION CANNOT COME BEFORE THE FALL, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICIANS ARE BACK FROM VACATION.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

PROSPECTS OF A SINAI SETTLEMENT ROSE YESTERDAY WITH

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ASSURANCES TO YOU THAT SYRIA IS UNLIKELY TO TRY TO TORPEDO AN INTERIM ACCORD BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. YOU REPORTEDLY TOLD ASAD THAT ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE A MODEST ACCORD WITH SYRIA AFTER THE PROJECTED SINAI AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT IS CONCLUDED. (A-1)

YOUR PHOTOGRAPH ALONG WITH THAT OF YIGAL ALLON APPEARS ON PAGE 1.

MICHAEL PARKS REPORTS THAT THE NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI ACCORD NOW BEING NEGOTIATED ENVISIONS A PERMANENT ROLE FOR THE UNITED STATES AS THE PRINCIPAL PEACEKEEPER IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE NEW PACT WILL REST AS MUCH ON UNPRECEDENTED AMERICAN COMMITMENTS AS IT WILL ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN CONCESSIONS. ISRAEL WILL GET LONG-TERM GUARANTEES OF ITS SECURITY FROM THE U.S., INCLUDING A PLEDGE TO SUPPLY THE "NECESSARY WEAPONRY" FOR ITS DEFENSE IN THE FUTURE. AMERICANS WILL MAN EARLY-WARNING STATIONS BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN LINES IN THE SINAI DESERT, ACTIVELY INVOLVING WASHINGTON IN THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE (A-1)

THE NEW BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE ARRESTS OF 26 LEADING POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE FALLEN REGIME OF SLAIN PRESIDENT MUJIBUR RAHMAN, INCLUDING A FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND A FORMER VICE PRESIDENT, ON CHARGES OF CORRUPTION. (A-2)

IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF DEVELOPING COLD WAR BETWEEN HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS, DELEGATES OF 78 "NONALIGNED" NATIONS WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN LIMA, PERU. (A-2)

THE SOVIET UNION BRANDED MAOISM "THE SWORN ENEMY OF SOCIALISM, DEMOCRACY AND PEACE" YESTERDAY AND CALLED ON ALL NATIONS "IRRESPECTIVE OF SOCIAL ORDER" TO WAGE A DECISIVE STRUGGLE AGAINST IT. THE ATTACK CAME IN A 15,000 WORD ARTICLE IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF COMMUNIST. THE SUN NOTED THAT A WORLD SUMMIT OF COMMUNIST PARTIES TO DENOUNCE CHINA, PERHAPS IN 1976 OR 1977, REMAINS AN OBJECTIVE OF SOVIET POLICY, AND YESTERDAY'S BROADSIDE MAY HAVE BEEN AN EARLY SHOT IN THAT BATTLE. (A-4)

THE NEED FOR INTELLIGENCE
PRESIDENT FORD ACCURATELY WARNED AN AMERICAN LEGION AUDIENCE ON TUESDAY THAT ANY MEANINGFUL ARMS AGREEMENT DEPENDS ON THIS NATION'S OWN CAPABILITY TO VERIFY WHETHER THE TERMS ARE BEING HONORED. THAT WAS A CLEAR MESSAGE TO ANYONE, IN CONGRESS OR OUT, WHO MIGHT HOPE TO GUT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, OR THE INTELLIGENCE ARMS OF THE NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND ARMY. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, OR ANY THAT REPLACED THEM, WOULD BE THE ONLY GUARANTEE WASHINGTON HAD THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE KEEPING A NEW AGREEMENT ON MISSILE LIMITATION OR ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL. MR. FORD MIGHT HAVE GONE FURTHER, THE AGREEMENT BEING

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BOUGHT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL WOULD REST ON AN AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE ROLE IN SINAI TO ASSURE EACH SIDE ABOUT THE OTHER'S COMPLIANCE.

SPYING, AS MR. FORD INDICATED, IS VITAL NOT ONLY IN WARTIME. IT IS ESSENTIAL IN PEACETIME TO KEEP THE PEACE. ON THIS BASIS, MR. FORD ASSURED THE LEGIONNAIRES THAT HE WOULD TAKE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AND RECOMMEND ANY LEGISLATION NEEDED IN THE WAKE OF THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION REPORT ON CIA DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AND THE MURPHY COMMISSION ON FOREIGN POLICY OPERATIONS. "ANY RECKLESS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CRIPPLE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN LEGITIMATE OPERATIONS WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC".

THE LEAD EDITORIAL SAYS THE ISRAELIS WHO PICKETED YOU IN ISRAEL ARE ONLY A FORETASTE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT PREMIER RABIN WOULD FACE IN MAKING A REAL PEACE. TO TAKE THE RISK OF GIVING UP LARGE SEGMENTS OF POPULATED TERRITORY TO ARAB SOVEREIGNTY WILL NEVER BE EASY. ISRAEL'S NATIONAL HERITAGE AS A MODERN STATE IS BARE SURVIVAL OF A FRAGMENT OF PEOPLE FROM THE EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST. ITS EMERGING MAJORITY CONSISTS OF FIRST AND SECOND GENERATION EXILES FROM THE ARAB, NOT EUROPEAN, STATES AND ITS SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IS DEMOCRATIC, WITH RULE BY FRAGILE PARLIAMENTARY COALITIONS. THAT SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES IS NOT CONGENIAL TO THE MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS, WHICH IS WHY ISRAEL HAS BEEN INCAPABLE OF BOLDER PEACE OFFENSIVES. THE ARAB RHETORIC ABOUT EXTINCTION OF THE STATE ECHOES IN ISRAELI EARS, AND IS NOT WHOLLY GONE FROM THE ARAB WORLD. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT WHAT THIS AGREEMENT WOULD DO WOULD BE TO BRING CLOSER THAT DECISION OF TOTAL RISK FOR PEACE BASED ON THE GOOD FAITH OF IMPLACABLE ENEMIES. THEN THE DEMONSTRATORS MAY REALLY BE OUT AND YOU OR YOUR SECESSOR MAY REALLY NEED PROTECTION. THIS RISK IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS, HOWEVER, IN THE BACK OF EVERY ISRAELI'S MIND AS THE NEXT TO NEXT CONCESSION THAT WILL BE ASKED OF ISRAEL. (K-5)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DAVID A. ANDELMAN RELATES THAT LAOS YESTERDAY CELEBRATED THE FINAL TAKE OVER BY COMMUNIST-LED PATHET LAO. SOME 300,000 PEOPLE GATHERED ON THE PARADE GROUND AT THE CAPITAL, VIENTIANE, TODAY TO "WELCOME THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ADMINISTRATION", ACCORDING TO BROADCASTS OF THE VIENTIANE RADIO AND THE PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY. (P-1)

MARVINE HOWE REPORTS THAT THE PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF ECONOMY

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IN ANGOLA'S TRANSITION GOVERNMENT WARNED YESTERDAY THAT IF A POLITICAL SOLUTION WAS NOT REACHED WITH THE NEXT 10 DAYS, THERE WOULD BE GENERAL CIVIL WAR IN THE WEST AFRICAN TERRITORY. IF THAT HAPPENED, HE SAID, PORTUGAL COULD NOT COPE WITH DECOLONIZATION ALONE, AND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ASK FOR OUTSIDE HELP. (P-2)

HENRY GINIGER WRITES THAT PRESIDENT FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMES SUMMONED PREMIER VASCO GONCALVES AND THE LEADERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES OPPOSING HIM TO AN EMERGENCY MEETING AT HIS OFFICE YESTERDAY IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO STAVE OFF BLOODY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. THE MEETING ENDED FIVE HOURS AFTER IT BEGAN WITH NO ANNOUNCEMENT. THE PREMIER HAS REFUSED TO RESIGN, HIS OPPONENTS HAD GOTTEN PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES TO AGREE TO HIS OUSTER BY NEXT MONDAY AND ARE PREPARING TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT, PROBABLY WITH GEN. CARLOS FABIAO, THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AS PREMIER. (P-5)

CHARLES MOHR STATES THAT PRIME MINISTER IAN D. SMITH, FACING NEW CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS WITH AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADERS IN TWO DAYS, SAID YESTERDAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NO POLICY "TO HAND OUR COUNTRY OVER TO ANY BLACK MAJORITY GOVERNMENT, AND AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED WE NEVER WILL HAVE." MR. SMITH'S REMARKS, MADE IN A SPEECH THIS AFTERNOON, ADDED TO AN ALREADY DEEPLY PESSIMISTIC MOOD AS HE PREPARED TO MEET MONDAY WITH OFFICIALS OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF THIS BREAKAWAY BRITISH COLONY'S LONG-TIME CONSTITUTIONAL AND RACIAL PROBLEMS. AT THIS LATE DATE, THE TWO SIDES HAVE NOT EVEN AGREED UPON THE CHARACTER AND PURPOSE OF THE FIRST MEETING. (P-6)

CHRISTOPHER S. WREN REVEALS THAT THOUGH IT IS MORE THAN HALF GATHERED THE SOVIET HARVEST HAS RECEIVED MUTED NOTICES IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS, UNDERSCORING MOSCOW'S CONCERN OVER THE OUTCOME. THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS SHOPPING ABROAD FOR GRAIN (P-1)

HENRY TREWHITT SKETCHES SOME OF THE CHANGES IN YOUR FOREIGN POLICY AS THE WORLD CHANGED AROUND US. DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION WAS THE POLICY OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND YOU AS THE U.S. CAME OUT OF VIETNAM, BUT NOT ALL OF THE RESULTS OF THAT POLICY WERE HAPPY (E.G., THE WHEAT SALE TO THE SOVIET UNION, STRAINED RELATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES, AND THE DISINTEGRATION OF NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK). FORTUNATELY, THE SOVIETS MADE MISTAKES, TOO; WITNESS THEIR HAMHANDEDNESS IN EGYPT AND IN CSCE NEGOTIATIONS. PRESIDENT FORD AND YOU HAVE NOW COME FULL CIRCLE, AS WITNESSED IN YOUR RECENT SPEECH ON PORTUGAL. TOUGH TALK NOW TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER SOOTHING LANGUAGE WITH MOSCOW. THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGE ARE TWO-FOLD: DOMESTIC POLITICS AND

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GENUINE CONCERN ABOUT THE GROWTH OF SOVIET POWER. ALL IN ALL, MR. FORD IS TRYING TO INTRODUCE AMERICANS TO THE VAST GRAY AREAS OF FOREIGN POLICY IN WHICH DECISIONS ARE DETERMINED BY COMPLEX INDIVIDUAL ISSUES RATHER THAN BY BROAD PATTERNS OF RIGHT AND WRONG. IN LIGHT OF THE ALTERNATIVES IT MAY BE THE BEST POSSIBLE WORLD. (K-3)
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